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## Labor Council Assists NFLU 'Wet-Back' Move

Action was taken by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas last week to assist the National Farm Labor Union in its campaign against importation of Mexican Nationals, so-called "wetbacks," for use as farm laborers in California.

Secretary Alfred J. Clark of the labor council said that lengthy discussion of the inroads of "wetbacks" was held, including a report that nationals had been disclosed working in the culinary trades in Salinas (see separate story).

After discussion of how the labor council might assist the NFLU campaign, it was voted to send a cash contribution of \$10 to the NFLU's fund which is being used in the effort to halt Mexican importations.

Business at the November 30 meeting of the labor council was generally routine, Clark said. Fred Clayton, vice president, conducted the meeting.

It was reported that the labor council will have a member next year on the nominating committee of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, with which the council is affiliated. Union reports included:

Barbers 827: Officer nominations started; shops seeking more trade from union members in order to prevent a possible advance in prices.

Electricians 243: Inmates of the state prison at Soledad halted from doing electrical work on new construction; the new prison project is nearly completed; some idle members in this union.

## MEX. NATIONALS FOUND WORKING IN SALINAS CAFE

Routine checking by officials of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 of Salinas disclosed last week that Mexican Nationals (sometimes called "wetbacks") are working in at least one major Salinas restaurant.

Secretary-Business Manager A. J. Clark of the union, said that with co-operation of the Salinas police department, one such National was removed from the job and was held for deportation by immigration authorities. He had been working as a dishwasher. Others have been removed from the jobs, he added.

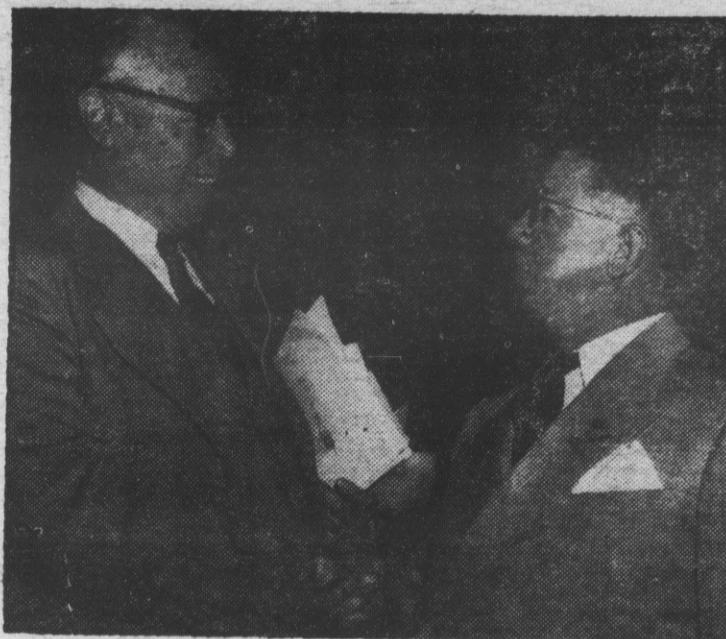
Clark said that a check of all restaurants and cafes in the area would be made to make sure that no more Mexican Nationals are employed.

At the last meeting of Local 355, routine business matters were handled and four new members were accepted by initiation.

## Janitors Join Monterey CLC

Building Service Employees Union 77, which has headquarters in San Jose but serves the Monterey area and includes theatre janitors in its membership, has affiliated with the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, according to Council Secretary Andrew Butrica.

Business at the last meeting included donations to the Heart Association and to the Tuberculosis Association fund campaigns. Seated as delegates from the newly affiliated Local 77 was John Johnson.



BEFORE SHOOTING STARTED—Sen. R. A. T. Taft (R., Ohio) shakes hands with Joseph T. Ferguson, right, whom he beat in the 1950 Senate race in Ohio, before the two began firing charges at each other before a Senate committee investigating the election. Taft's testimony brought immediate replies from the AFL, which said he was "in error"; the CIO accused him of "staggering untruths," and Ferguson, who charged him with "a deliberate lie."—(LPA)

## MILES ELECTED RESCUE MISSION BOARD MEMBER

Dial H. Miles, business manager of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243, was elected to the board of directors of the Salinas Rescue Mission at the organization's annual meeting last week. He will represent the Central Labor Council of Salinas on the board.

Miles reported that Ben Franklin and his wife, residence managers of the mission, distributed 15 baskets of food, including one chicken each, to needy families on Thanksgiving Day. There were 87 people fed in the mission dining hall that day. Many special donations for Thanksgiving were received.

During the last four months, there were 1146 applications for relief at the mission, 3155 meals served, 1810 people given lodgings, 1869 articles of clothing distributed, 189 pair of shoes given out, all for a new service record for the labor-endorsed project.

Elected as officers of the mission were: Rev. Merle Tollefson, president; Jack Errington, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Coutchie, secretary; Mrs. Fred Hart, treasurer, and the following directors: Jacob Abramson, Leonard P. Adams, Mrs. Rinehart Bachrach, Mrs. Louise Bertelsman, Dr. Charlotte Braginton, Mrs. Kenneth Coutchie, Mrs. Miriam Ebery, Mrs. Helen Hart, Mrs. Fred Hart, Rev. Tollefson, George Taylor, Mrs. Ed Silliman, E. J. Russell, L. R. Mercer, Russell Moline, Floyd Landes, Alfred Juncker, and Dial H. Miles.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE.

## DOLLAR-AND-CENT PRICE CEILINGS ARE NEEDED

Dollars-and-cents ceiling prices are needed if price control is to work. In a recent report the National Consumers Advisory Committee to the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) emphasizes the importance of dollars-and-cents ceilings.

The AFL wants the OPS to set dollars-and-cents ceilings. AFL Economist Boris Shiskin is a member of the OPS Consumers Advisory Committee.

Under the dollars-and-cents ceiling system stores would have to post all their ceiling prices in places where customers could see them easily.

Stores don't have to have such dollars-and-cents ceiling prices posted now. If there were dollars-and-cents ceilings, you could tell better whether stores were charging fair prices.

## Kiddie Christmas Party to be 'Super'

With just 10 days to go, the committees in charge of the annual Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by the Central Labor Council and scheduled this year at Salinas High School Auditorium on Saturday night, Dec. 22, are making last minute preparations for the event.

Union Electricians have volunteered to hang the electric lights on the mammoth Christmas tree which will be decorated and placed on the stage. Union painters have agreed to spray the color paint and the fireproofing on the big tree.

Committee heads said that the candy, nuts, fruit and toys which will be given to the youngsters present is being sorted out and prepared for actual distribution.

This year the big vaudeville and circus show which always thrills the kiddies has been expanded and augmented into the biggest show ever presented at one of these parties. Full details of the show will be announced next week.

Policemen and firemen to handle the expected 2500 youngsters have been alerted and are ready to assist in keeping order, protecting the smallest kiddies, forming lines for the gifts, and assisting in other ways.

Another appeal was issued to

## MECHANICS 1824 ELECT OFFICERS

Annual election of officers of Machinists and Mechanics' Union 1824 of Salinas was completed last week with incumbents returned to office in most instances, Secretary Leslie Parker reports.

Those elected included:

**President**—Alex Day.  
**Vice President**—Eugene Fuqua.  
**Recording-Secty.**—C. C. Stover.  
**Financial Secty.**—Leslie Parker.  
**Treasurer**—Manuel Nunes.  
**Conductor**—Wayne Purcell.  
**Sentinel**—LeRoy Anderson.

**Trustee**—Fred Glueck.

**Executive Board**—Miner Cole, John Bowerman, Ray Cropper, C. D. Magooon, W. Wark, O. E. McLean, J. W. Williams.

**Delegates to District Lodge**—Jim Warner, Earl Choate.

## Laborers 690 Set Yule Fete

Christmas party for members of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey and their families will be held at Fish Cannery Union Hall (Labor Temple) at 320 Hoffman street, in Monterey, on Friday night, December 21.

Andrew Butrica, business agent of Local 690, said there would be plenty of refreshments, with entertainment and special events, followed by distribution of favors to the youngsters.

## ALASKA HEARS NEWS 5 NIGHTS

Fairbanks, Alaska.—Radio Station KFAR, which has been broadcasting the AFL news program each Tuesday, stepped up the schedule to a full five nights a week, Monday through Friday.

Featuring Frank Edwards, the AFL program is now heard here at 6:45 p.m. local time. William P. Laughlin, business manager of the Fairbanks Central Labor Union, arranged the expanded schedule.

The AFL program is heard also on station KENI, Anchorage, Alaska, at 12 noon each Sunday.

parents of youngsters who will attend: Make plans to leave the youngsters in the hands of the policemen and firemen, and to call for them after the party.

Because of limited capacity of the auditorium, there will be no adults allowed in the auditorium during the party, except for committee members or other assisting in the event.

## MONT. CARPENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Members of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey, their wives and young sons and daughters, will join in the union's annual Christmas Party, scheduled at Monterey Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, on Friday night, December 21.

The party will start at 7 p.m. There will be entertainment, refreshments for all, plus distribution of favors to the kiddies.

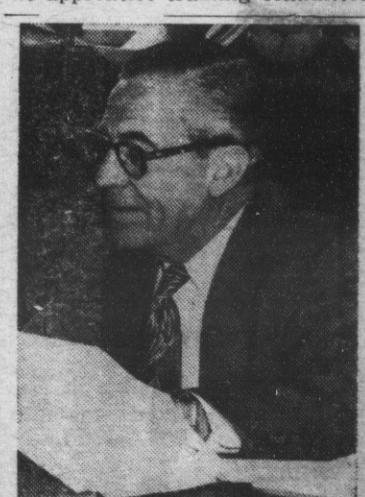
M. T. Stone, chairman of the union's Christmas Party Committee, has issued an appeal that only the very young kiddies be brought to the party, and that no adults except members of the union attend the event. Too many adults crowd out the young fry, it was explained.

"Due to lack of seating capacity we are requesting that attendance be limited to members, their wives, and small children," the announcement read.

## Salinas Carp. Apprenticeship Body to Meet

Regular meeting of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Carpentry industry in Salinas will be held this Thursday night at Salinas Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main street.

Harvey Baldwin, business manager of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, said that union members and carpenter contractors make up the apprentice training committee.



GETS LABOR POST — Lloyd Mashburn, newly appointed California labor commissioner, resigned from more than 20 labor and civic posts, including that of executive secretary of the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, to take the state job.—(LPA)

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## Law Forces High Prices

Price Stabilizer Mike DiSalle has been forced to increase prices even though he says there isn't "any justification" for them.

That's because Congress passed a phony anti-inflation law last summer that requires the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) to permit manufacturers to pass on their added costs to their customers.

Congress said manufacturers don't have to absorb any cost even though many of them can do so easily.

DiSalle told the Joint Congressional Defense Production Committee Nov. 26, "You can rest assured we will grant no price increases not required by law."

He said the provision allowing manufacturers to absorb costs through higher prices is "harmful to the economy."

The legislation was written into law by Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.). It is known as the "Capehart amendment."

DiSalle also reminded the committee that established slaughterhouses are cheating buyers. They are shortweighting meat and upgrading it by marking it "prime" when it is "choice," or "choice" when it is "good."

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## Cruel Burden on Old Folks Is Imposed by High Prices

The California State Federation of Labor issued a seven-point program calling for an end to age discrimination and for consideration of the total needs of older workers, at the recent Governor's Conference on the Problems of the Aging held in Sacramento.

An introductory policy statement declared that "the public and private pension plans organized within the past generation have lost much of their significance in the present era of soaring prices and climbing rents."

The statement charged that "our fixed income citizens of advanced age fight today at a cruel disadvantage against the odds of inflation".

AFL representatives were well scattered through the 22-section conference called by Governor Earl Warren.

### 1. Employment Opportunity

a. Age discrimination against older workers should be abolished.

b. Training programs should be introduced for older workers who can no longer meet the physical requirements of their customary crafts.

c. There should be an intelligent selection of job assignments for older workers.

d. The industrial defense of the nation suggests full use of all manpower skills, including those of our older people.

### 2. Private Pension Plans

a. Group pension plans achieved through collective bargaining make for secure retirement.

### 3. Public Insurance (Old Age and Survivors Insurance, Federal State and Local Government Retirement Systems).

a. Coverage of OASI (federal social security) should be extended to all workers.

b. Benefits under OASI should be increased. The national cost of living figure has already risen 7 per cent since adoption of the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Law.

c. Public employees on federal state or local government jobs

should receive at least the same benefits as extended by OASI.

d. The ruling restricting earnings of pensioners under OASI should be liberalized. At present earnings of \$50 per month in "covered" employment disqualify an applicant, although there is no ceiling on the amount a pensioner may take through unearned income, such as rents or dividend payments.

### 4. Public Assistance (State Old Age Pensions, County Relief).

a. Cost of living increases should be provided for state old age pensioners.

b. The relatives' responsibility clause should be eliminated from state old age assistance. The clause requires expensive administration, and places a cruel burden on young struggling workers seeking to rear their own families, thus creating family tensions and hostilities between dependent parents and children.

c. State old age assistance should be financed and administered on a state rather than county basis. County financing victimizes county property owners. State administration would make for uniform efficiency and interpretation.

d. State funds should be extended to general county relief to care for those not quite eligible for State Old Age Assistance, such as workers between 60 and 64, who may not receive aid in most counties if possessing a bank account of \$1.00 or more.

### 5. Health.

a. A program of prepaid health insurance would improve general public health, and allow workers to enjoy employment in the later years of life.

b. Public nursing homes for the senile are needed for those unable to pay for private care.

### 6. Housing.

a. Low cost housing, public or private, would benefit older people with their reduced incomes.

### 7. Education and Recreation.

a. Adult education programs should be encouraged for the mental and physical development of older people.

b. Proper recreation programs, public or private, should be available for older people in their leisure hours.

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## Stop Low-Pay Import Items

San Francisco. — The AFL 70th convention approved a declaration of policy favoring a high volume of international trade but expressed opposition to imported items produced under sweat-shop conditions which threaten American wage and working standards.

The convention Committee on Resolutions referred to the AFL Executive Council four resolutions on imports.

They dealt with unfair competition on ladies' handbags and other items from foreign countries, introduced by the Handbag Workers Union; importation of foreign leather products, and imported optics made under slave labor conditions, introduced by President Thomas Murray of New York State Federation; and unfair competition of foreign-made products, introduced by President George A. Haberman of Wisconsin State Federation.

The committee said:

"In reporting on these resolutions, your committee recommends reaffirmation of the repeatedly asserted opposition to unfair competition as a threat to wage standards and conditions of work.

"We do not oppose a high volume of international trade; we favor it.

"But we cannot look with indifference when the very objectives of our long effort and struggle in the economic and social field are threatened by imports that derive their competitive advantage from lower wage payments and inferior working conditions.

"We reassert the principle that fair competition as contrasted with sweatshop or cut-throat competition assures both the highest and healthiest flow of trade, whether domestic or international.

"Our minimum wage laws, both state and federal, our social security laws, our system of unemployment insurance and our collective bargaining guarantees, all are evidence of our conviction that foreign competition based on wages and standards of employment is destructive of a sound social, industrial and commercial system.

"It is our judgment that the American market and the interest of America's workers can best be maintained in its expanded and expanding condition by continued adherence to this conviction.

"It is our further recommendation that all efforts be made to the end that authentic cases of unfair import competition are eliminated, fully recognizing that removal of unfair trade will not restrict trade in general but will promote it.

"It is, likewise, recommended that we endeavor to help shape our foreign trade legislation to assure fair and equitable import conditions where the imported goods compete with the products of our members and do not tend to undermine our standards of work and compensation for services rendered."

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## EDITORIALS

## Let's Look at the Record

You hear on every hand that businesses are being crippled by high taxes. That employment is suffering and wages are hit by taxes on corporation profits. That corporations must pile up big reserves during good years for the rainy days which are sure to come.

As Al Smith used to say, let's look at the record:

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued recently a study of corporate profits in 25 manufacturing industries in 1940 and in 1950. The study covered more than 500 corporations—including the 4 largest in each industry.

Profit rates in 22 of the 25 industries were much higher in 1950 than in 1940. For instance, automobile manufacturers raised their profit return from 17 per cent in 1940 to 32 per cent in 1950. This means that the entire investment in the auto industry could be recovered in three years at the 1950 rate of profit.

Does that look like taxes are killing incentive?

The New York Stock Exchange reported October 24 that paid dividends on common stock for the first nine months of 1951 increased by \$320 million—or 9.4 per cent—over dividends for the same period of 1950.

The U. S. Government has kept records of corporate profits for 42 years. They show that since 1909, corporations have failed to break even or make a profit in only 1931-32-33.

Yet America suffered major depressions during that time. Only during the Hoover "boom" did U. S. corporations fail to make money. But they had nothing to worry about. In the three years of loss, corporate expenses exceeded income by \$6.6 billion. But the Public Affairs Institute reports that corporations earned \$296 billion after taxes in the 39 profitable years.

However, no matter how much reserve funds have piled up in good times, workers are cut off the payroll just as soon as the order books in the front offices show blank pages.

During the 1931-32-33 period when corporations lost \$6.6 billion, they paid out \$8.8 billion in dividends.

What happened to wages and salaries? They fell off \$12.5 billion—or 40 per cent.

During 1948-49, corporations cut wages and salaries \$3 billion, but they increased their payments to stockholders by \$302 million—or by one third.

In fact corporations have raised dividend payments each year since 1945. Last year paid dividends totaled \$9.2 billion. This was twice the 1946 level and three times as large as in 1939.

Yes, stockholders have done very well. While prices raised the cost of living 40 per cent since 1946, total dividends increased 100 per cent.

Corporation managers will always try to make you believe they are being strangled by taxes. It just ain't so, and they know it. Rank-and-file citizens should know it too.

## State Taxes and Politics

Sen. Walter George (D., Ga.) is one of the leaders of the so-called "economy" bloc in Congress. He cuts tax increases on corporations to skeleton proportions. But he doesn't say a thing about that fact that the State of Georgia increased taxes by \$70 million this year.

Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina, who rode the coattails of the New Deal and Fair Deal to Supreme Court and Cabinet positions, is another who cries alligator tears over Federal taxes. But he doesn't tell you his own state raised taxes this year by \$34 million.

Sen. Styles Bridges (R., N.H.) forever preaches that taxes of the Federal Government are too heavy. But he doesn't preach about the fact that the State of New Hampshire this year put a \$5 head tax on every person over 21 to increase the total tax take by \$1,275,000. Another \$1 million in added revenue will come through a 1 per cent tax on tobacco and liquor.

Rep. Daniel Reed (R., N.Y.) is perhaps the leading tax-killer in the House of Representatives. He talks, and talks loudly, about Uncle Sam taking more taxes. But he doesn't talk about the fact that the State of New York this year increased taxes by \$26 million.

And so it goes. Prices have risen and state governments just like the National Government, must increase taxes to pay their bills. Of course they don't have to pay for past and present wars and for preventing future wars, as does the Federal Government, but their bills still keep going up.

The politicians know this. But it's good politics, they think, to jump on Uncle Sam for doing the same thing their states do.

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• Did Taft Buy His Seat?

Sen. Robert Taft changed the subject before a Senate committee investigating his 1950 campaign, but the official financial records stand unchallenged. More than \$1,800,000 was spent to elect Taft. The real question is this: Shall one of America's highest offices be awarded to the highest bidder? The issue is ethics in government. Is this ethical? That is the question for the Senators to decide. Rule by money constitutes a threat to the basic principles of American government.

• Protection Against Sudden Death . . .

In 30 days on Cincinnati's Traffic Court bench, Judge Clarence Denning sent 122 drunken and reckless drivers to jail, gave all of them stiff fines and took away their driver's licenses for one year. Said Judge Denning: "These fellows will continue to maim and kill innocent victims until they are prevented from doing so. There is no place in society for the deadly combination of a drunk behind the steering wheel of an automobile. I intend to separate them."

• Bad News for Rent-Payers . . .

The nation's tenants have a new Rent Control Administrator—Raymond Foley. The appointment came after Rent Stabilizer Tighe Woods had sharply criticized the committee supposed to protect servicemen and defense workers from rent gouging . . . a committee which operates under Mobilizer Charles Wilson. Mr. Foley had charge of the Federal Housing Agency when it operated as a gigantic grab bag for the real estate interests.

• Maybe They Lost Their Appetites . . .

OPS Director Michael DiSalle told a Congressional committee that the failure of Congress to remove the Capehart and Herlong amendments to the Price Control law makes it difficult to enforce the law or to curb inflation. One wonders why a Congressional committee has to hold hearings to find out about higher prices. All anyone has to do is to check his own grocery bills . . . Congressmen DO have grocery bills, don't they?

JOKES, Etc.

Mrs. MacGregor: Are you the young man who jumped into the river and hauled my son out when he fell through the ice?

Young Man: Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. MacGregor: Where's his mittens?

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The Russian soldier returned home after four years at war to find his wife with a newborn baby boy, whereupon he began to question her.

"Was it my friend Ivan?"

"No."

"Was it my friend Nicholas?"

"No."

"Maybe my friend Petrov?"

"No."

"Well, then, who was it?"

She replied:

"Don't you think I have any friends of my own?"

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Said the artist: "I'll give you \$5 if you'll let me paint you."

The old mountaineer shifted his tobacco from one cheek to the other and back again.

"It's easy money," said the artist.

"Thar hain't no question 'bout that," the mountaineer replied. "I was just awonderin' how I'd get the paint off afterwards."

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A candidate for sheriff called on a minister to ask his support at the coming election.

"Before I decide to give you my support," said the minister,



FOR MORE of the same, you can see this dame on TV, if you're interested. Our women readers object to these kind of pictures. The men like them.—(LPA)



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An extra 84 million dollars a month is going into circulation as a result of the expanded social security program.

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During the same period, the number of people receiving social security benefits jumped from 2,946,000 to 4,099,000. Statistics for later months are not yet available.

This increase can be attributed to two factors.

1. Liberalized eligibility requirements, which permitted immediate payment of benefits to over 600,000 elderly people who could not qualify under the old law because they hadn't worked long enough under social security.

2. Substantial increases in the amount of the social security checks, ranging from about 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

At the same time, the cost of public assistance, particularly old-age assistance, showed a small but steady decline for the first time in many years.

One of the principal reasons given by Congress for strengthening the old-age and survivors insurance program in 1950, was the mounting cost of old-age assistance and other forms of public aid for needy people. The public assistance programs are financed by general taxation, both federal and local. Old-age and survivors insurance, on the other hand, is financed by a payroll tax on employers and employees.

Since old-age and survivors insurance benefits are based on earnings, and are related to the amount of contributions, with no need test, beneficiaries feel no stigma of relief or charity in applying for their payments. They are encouraged to save money, to buy bonds or annuities, and to acquire other assets to supplement their social security benefits.

Standard interchangeable parts—basic principle of mass production—were conceived by Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.

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## Workers' Real Wages Drop Below Jan. 1950 Level

By PETER HENLE  
AFL Assistant Economist

"Cost of Living Index Hits All-Time High," reads a Nov. 24 headline.

Prices have been climbing almost continuously since World War II. After a lull which began shortly after the turn of the year, they have been bouncing upwards again. In October, the Labor Department's Consumers Price Index reached an all-time high for the second straight month.

Prices of food, clothing, and other goods normally purchased by workers and their families are now 12.5 per cent above January, 1950, base date for wage stabilization, and 87 per cent above pre-war levels.

With prices riding so high workers have a tough time keeping up. In fact, the real wage of the average worker throughout American industry is lower today than it was in January, 1950. Only the workers in strongly organized industries have been able to keep up with the price increases.

You won't find this conclusion in any publication issued by the National Association of Manufacturers or the United States Chamber of Commerce. These organizations would have you believe that the nation's workers have been profiting by inflation. They will cite figures to show that workers' pay has kept pace with rising living costs. Since arguments over this issue are likely to arise across the bargaining table, union negotiators should understand the following points:

### TIPS TO BARGAINERS

1—There are no simple figures available setting forth the real wages of American workers.

Comparisons have to be made between increases in prices (reflected in the Consumers Price Index) and wages for workers in particular industries or occupations.

2—To be valid, any comparison between wages and prices must involve basic wage rates, not "earnings."

This is important because unions will find employers quoting figures showing that average "weekly earnings" have increased more than prices since January, 1950. It is important for unions to understand why "weekly earnings" provide a completely misleading basis for any comparison with prices.

These "weekly earnings" include overtime pay, shift premiums, and other types of extra payments in addition to the basic hourly wage rate. Since January, 1950, hours have been lengthened and overtime pay has increased. These changes increase "weekly earnings" even though basic wage rates stay the same. Thus, an important part of the increase in earnings represents merely increased pay for increased work.

For an accurate comparison of wages and prices, the changes in the Consumers Price Index must be compared with changes in basic wage rates, not modified by changes in overtime payments or other special premiums.

What do the figures show about changes in wages and prices since January, 1950?

### PRODUCTIVITY UNCOMPENSATED

Most of the publicity on this point has centered on the factory worker.

Although there is plenty of information about the factory worker's "earnings," the lack of sufficient data about his "wage rate" makes the comparison imperfect.

Using the best available information, it appears that wages of fac-



tory workers have barely managed to keep up with rising prices since January, 1950. Meanwhile, however, the productivity of these workers has been increasing although none of this increase has gone to the worker in the form of higher pay.

That factory workers have even been able to keep up with the increased prices is undoubtedly a tribute to the union organizations in most manufacturing industries. In other industries where workers are highly organized, building trades and railroads for example, wages have also kept pace with prices.

Yet these industries cover but a minority of the workers. Factory workers include only about one-third of those who work for wages and salaries. For a majority of workers in the non-manufacturing industries, the wage-price comparison is entirely different.

### UNORGANIZED SUFFER

Consider, for example, two groups of workers who today remain largely unorganized.

First, for 14.5 million workers in trade and service industries, the past two years have been a period of steadily declining real wages. Department of Labor figures show, for example, that 7 million workers in retail trade have seen their hourly earnings increase by only 10 per cent, while the cost of living has been going up 12½ per cent. (No figures on wage rates are available.) Workers in laundries have found that their increase in earnings has been only 8 per cent.

Next, look at that vast group, the white collar workers. They have been falling behind ever since the end of World War II. Although wage data for this group is limited, all the available data supports this conclusion. For example, average weekly earnings of non-supervisory workers of insurance companies have risen only 6.2 per cent since January, 1950.

Other industries in which wages have lagged behind prices include hotels, banks, local transportation, telephone, and utilities.

More detailed evidence is available but this is enough to make it clear that it is certainly not the nation's workers who have profited by the recent inflationary price in-

## Tories Don't Dare Touch Health Plan

"London.—Conservative cabinet ministers are working late these nights on plans for rebuilding a free-enterprise Britain, but one pillar of socialism—'socialized medicine'—is certain to remain intact . . ."

"The 'free' health service set up by the Labor Government is so popular that it can no longer be made a political issue here."

"The Britisher's evaluation of this welfare-state device could be significant for Americans. The Truman Administration has attempted to sell them a not-dissimilar program . . ."—The Wall Street Journal, November 27.

### AFL Insurance Men Strike Prudential

(State Fed. Release)

Some 15,000 Prudential Insurance Company agents in 32 states, including an approximate 1200 in California, struck the giant company this Monday for higher wages and other benefits.

National negotiations being held in Newark, N. J., broke down last Friday when the union rejected a company boost amounting to \$5 per week. Union spokesmen declared the proposed raise would affect less than half of the insurance agents.

The agents are seeking a guarantee of \$55 per week, an increase of \$20 above present scale.

Agents on strike are those servicing the company's industrial policies, those with a face value of less than \$1000.

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The fight against Pajaro Valley Bread Company continues. This company, operating out of Santa Cruz County, formed what is commonly known as a company union to rebut legitimate organization. Teamsters Union Local 890 will continue to publicize this fact to the public, and to the housewives, and ask that you refuse to patronize Pajaro Valley Bakery bread and pastries. Their wages, hours and conditions of employment are not up to standards.

We are again listing the taxicabs and service stations that are union and ask that you please patronize the following: Yellow Cab Co., Salinas 7337; and Black & White, Salinas 5565. Regal Petroleum Corp., 44 John St., Salinas; Les Thompson, 214 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Lamar Bros., E. Market and Monterey, Salinas; J. C. Chitwood (Texaco), 739 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan and Monterey, Salinas; Chandler's Mohawk Station, 601 E. Alisal, Salinas; Harry Rhodes Service Station, John and Front Sts., Salinas; Johnny Nuovo's Associated Service Station, 298 Del Monte, Monterey; Sears Gas Station, Valley Center, Salinas; Firestone Stores, Monterey and E. San Luis, Salinas; Dale's Serve Yourself, Monterey and Alisal, Salinas; Salinas Truck Terminal, 101 Highway South, Salinas; Moschel Oil Co., 101 Highway South, Salinas; Sid & Lopez Union Station, 202 E. Market, Salinas; Don Hultz Tire Co., 303 Pajaro St., Salinas; Tom Wren (Norwalk), 555 W. Market, Salinas.

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### BLOOD BANK

We are most happy to list the names of our members who donated blood Nov. 3: Russell Abbott, six-time donor; Fred Adams, three-time donor; Edith Gardner, four-time donor; Edward Moe, six-time donor; Earl Randolph, two-time donor; Wallace Wenge, three-time donor; Effie Boatman, four-time donor; Leo Bray, two-time donor; Richard Hull, three-time donor; Donald Burges, one-time donor, and Paul Williams, one-time donor.

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Here is a message from the battlefield of Korea, sent by an Army Signal Corps cameraman who had been assigned to the Leathernecks to photograph their operation: "Thanks, Someone! A message to the unknown. A Samaritan who saved my buddy's life. It was just at daybreak when the Marines crossed the Han River and began their drive towards Seoul. I was with them as they fought their way across the slow-moving expanse of dirty water and up the sandy banks on the other side. I was with them, too, as they started the mad race to keep contact with the fleeing enemy. . . . I spent the rest of the night there in the hospital, in the back of the ward, near the spot where the stock of blood was stored, bedded down on a litter and a couple of blankets. Every few minutes, all through the night, one of the corpsmen would come back to get more blood for the wounded, the wounded who kept coming in a steady stream. I decided that night that some way I was going to say thanks to you for the blood that you gave, the blood that saved my buddy's life. That night, in that bomb-blasted building, I saw my buddy literally brought back to life by the blood which you gave."

Thanks to everyone who so generously donates blood for this cause—TO SAVE A LIFE.

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It may interest the membership of Local 890 that from Oct. 3, 1949, when we first got our blood bank for our community, members of Local 890 have donated 247 pints of blood. This figure, of course, is only what we have a record of at the union office. There are a number of members out on withdrawal cards who donate, but do not call the office to notify us, so this figure would be somewhat larger.

We are proud of our members who participate in this wonderful program.

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### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Your union is very much interested in all types of youth activities. In the past season your union took an active interest in the Boy Scouts and its own Troop 9, as well as Little League baseball and other types of activity for the benefit of our youth in the district. This coming year will bring on a greater program, in line with assisting the youth of our community. Under Little League direction, the Teamsters again will participate in the program to increase the activities so that more children may be able to play baseball. Our union is actively engaged to build an additional park at the Rodeo Grounds. Little League will have 16 organized teams this year and perhaps eight farm teams, to take in approximately 400 children between the ages of 8 and 12.

The Teamsters produced a film for Little League and this film is available to any group wishing to show it.

We also have interested ourselves through Little League to help establish Little League organizations in other areas.

Our Boy Scout Troop 9 continues to meet regularly under the direction of Scoutmaster Russ Abbott and his committee, made up of Pierre Richlin, Pres. Ray Burditt of Local 890, Bus. Agt. Glen Wilkerson, and Arthur Bernard, driver at George Augusta. Very likely our Boy Scout troop will take an active part in all activities, as in the past year. We are indeed proud of our members who have contributed their time in the past toward the progress of our youth in our community.

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### TEAMSTERS BROADCAST

Do you listen to the Teamsters' broadcast, "Turning Points," heard over station KDON every Monday evening at 8 o'clock? Our members living in San Benito County and in the southern part of Monterey County can tune in station KDON, which operates on 1460 cycles over a 5,000-watt transmitter. Next Monday, Dec. 17, the broadcast feature will be "Against All Odds," starring Mercedes McCambridge as Molly Pitcher.

Listen to "Turning Points" over station KDON every Monday night at 8—a Teamsters' program.

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### VAN AND STORAGE DIVISION

The van and storage companies are getting set for a rush, moving Army and Navy personnel. Any member who has had experience in this type of work and who is not employed, contact our office in Monterey, at 778 Hawthorne St., or call Monterey 2-0124.

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Monterey Members: Remember to patronize the service station that is union—Johnny Nuovo's Associated Service Station, 298 Del Monte, Monterey. We hope to have more stations organized in Monterey in the very near future.

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### MEETING DATES

Regular meeting in Monterey, Thursday, Dec. 13. We urge all members in that area to attend.

Bread Wagon Drivers meeting scheduled at the Teamsters' Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5 p.m.

Regular meeting, Gilroy, Thursday, Dec. 20, IOOF Hall.

Regular meeting at Moose Hall,

a pint of blood Jan. 7.

## Ike Mum On Labor

Washington (LPA). — General Dwight Eisenhower is "unable to accede" at this time to an AFL invitation to give his views "on questions of interest to working people." That's the word from an aide, Col. C. Craig Cannon.

The American Federationist, through its managing editor, Bernard Tassler, wrote to Eisenhower some time ago inviting him to contribute an article or statement to make public where he stands on questions of interest to working people, as Tassler put it.

Col. Cannon expressed regret at the delay in reply, said the General is sticking to a "firm policy of declining in all cases when the subject matter does not pertain directly to his military responsibilities as Supreme Allied Commander."

### Labor Lawyer Switches To Union Insurance

Dallas (LPA).—Nile E. Ball has taken a year's leave of absence from the firm of Mullinax, Wells and Ball, attorneys for the Texas State Federation of Labor, to join the executive staff of the Insurance Company of Texas, owned by unions and their members.

Ball was a prime mover in putting Texas labor into the insurance business, starting the discussions which led to final acquisition by labor of controlling stock in the firm. A member of ICT's board of directors and executive committee, his first assignment is that of acting agency director.

Salinas, Thursday, Jan. 3, 8 p.m.

### UNION OFFICE NOTICE

Please be advised that this office and our office in Monterey WILL BE CLOSED on MONDAY, DEC. 24 and MONDAY, DEC. 31, which fall just prior to Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Register to vote!

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At our regular meeting at Hollister, Joe Harper of the U.S. Employment Service was present and answered many questions that were on the minds of our people regarding unemployment insurance.

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We hope to have a full breakdown of our demands in the new 1952 canning season contract.

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### C. B. GENTRY

Don't forget your regular meeting to be held at IOOF Hall on Thursday, Dec. 20. We will at that time discuss our demands for our contract with this company.

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Again let us remind you of the importance of payment of dues on or before the first of each month. No member can become a candidate for office who is not in good standing for a period of at least two years prior to his nomination. Three nominees have been ruled ineligible for this reason. We shall quote here from our constitution and by-laws, Article III, Section 5 on page 9: "No member may become a candidate for office who has not been in continuous good standing for a period of at least two (2) years prior to his nomination."

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At our last regular meeting, held Thursday, Dec. 6, at Moose Hall, Bro. Earl Lasseter, who is employed at Mission Creamery, and Donald Smith, employed at Spiegel Farms, were nominated to serve as trustee for the three-year term.

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## Dear Boss, Please Read!

The Regional Wage Stabilization Board announces that employers may pay any of their employees, without Board approval, a 1951 Christmas or year-end bonus up to \$40 in value even though a lesser bonus or no bonus was paid last year.

Arthur M. Ross, chairman, said that employers who paid Christmas or year-end bonuses last year greater than \$40 in value may pay the same bonus in 1951, subject to the provisions of General Wage Regulation 14, the bonus order.

Payment of both types of bonuses was authorized by Amendment 2, which the National Board recently passed to liberalize the regulation. The original order permitted employers, who customarily had given their employees Christmas or year-end bonuses, to continue their past practice under certain limitations, but made no provisions for an employer who wanted to pay a bonus for the first time.

At the same time, Ross said that a series of questions and answers have been issued on the Christmas or year-end bonuses amendment and on General Wage Regulation 14. Both bulletins were designed to assist employers and unions who may have difficulty in applying the orders to their bonus situations.

## 4226 Pay Queries In Nov. in N. Calif.

San Francisco.—A total of 4226 queries on wage stabilization were answered by offices of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions in Northern California during November.

C. O. Atchinson, field office supervisor for the Divisions in Northern California, said the field office at 528 Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2, handled 3868 queries during the month.

The office at 331 Federal Office Building, Sacramento 5, which serves Sacramento and vicinity, handled 155 queries. This office is open for consultations on wage stabilization problems on Mondays and Fridays, he said.

The office at 324 Postoffice Building, Fresno, which serves Fresno and vicinity, handled 203 queries during the month, he said. The Fresno office is also open for wage stabilization consultations on Mondays and Fridays, he added.

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Irvin Duncan, president, 1 year term; Faye Brott, vice president, 1 year term; Artie Goss, recording secretary, 1 year term. Trustees; Heskie Shade to serve 3 years.

Members of the newly organized packing sheds, Monterey Bay Packing Company and Associated Produce Company were present.

Christmas exchange of gifts party was held and refreshments were served to all who attended, and finally the party ended with a dance.

Bro. Irvin Duncan employed at D'Arrigo was elected to act as business agent, beginning Jan. 1, to service Local 912's members employed at D'Arrigo, Tri-Counties, Monterey Bay Packing Company and Associated Produce.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Fisherman's Hall above the Landing; and we expect to have a large attendance at that time. Also a mass initiation will be held for members employed at Monterey Bay Packing Co. and Associated Produce.

### NEWS ITEMS

We were sorry to hear that Lola Enriques and Jewel Turner are ill. We wish both of them a speedy recovery.

A meeting was held with the Grower-Shippers, representing Monterey Bay Packing Co. and Associated Produce Company sheds in Castroville, at which time our demands were presented. The companies were not very acceptable to these demands and another meeting is scheduled with the companies for Dec. 12. You will be called to a meeting immediately following these negotiations.

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# Labor News

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1951

## Dixiecrats Fight Fair Wages, Decent Working Conditions AFL Brings South

Dixiecrats are fighting fair wages and decent working conditions being brought to the South by the AFL.

That is the real meaning of the hearings held Nov. 6-9 in Augusta, Ga., by a House Labor subcommittee.

Graham Barden (D., N. C.), chairman of both the committee and the subcommittee, says he is investigating charges of labor "racketeering" and manpower waste in the construction of the huge hydrogen bomb plant in South Carolina.

What are the facts? They are:

The Dixiecrat campaign for more cheap labor in the South was begun months ago by Dixiecrat Gov.

## Politics Affects Wages, Housing, Prices and Taxes

Politics can make or break you. It can build you decent housing at a cost you can afford or it can force you to take what you can get at any price.

It can hold prices down or let 'em hit the sky. It can freeze your wages or give you a fair shake.

It can soak you with high taxes while the big guys get off easy or it can get you fair taxes based on every taxpayer's ability to pay.

It can get you decent and adequate social security or it can expose you to the full blasts of unemployment and sickness. It can help you provide for your old age or it can give you a ticket to the poorhouse.

Politics can weaken and cripple your union, hinder it and obstruct you in getting better wages, better conditions; or it can guarantee your American right to organize and bargain collectively.

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James Byrnes of South Carolina.

The drive was continued last summer by Dixiecrat Rep. W. M. Wheeler of Georgia. Now Barden and Dixiecrat Rep. John Wood of Georgia are leading the fight for low wages.

Byrnes, Barden, Wheeler, Wood and their pals are attacking the AFL because they know its trade unions are bringing decent wages and working conditions to the South.

The Dixiecrats don't like high wages anywhere in the South because they mean that workers' pay envelopes soon will be fatter throughout the area. When wages increase in the South, the millionaire backers of the Dixiecrats won't have such swollen profits.

Barden himself revealed the true motives of his investigation when he told a representative of the Laborers Council at the bomb plant that he opposes any general increase in wages.

During his subcommittee's hearing Nov. 8, Barden repeated the phony argument that higher wages always mean higher prices.

## 'Patriotic' Bankers Bunk Exposed

The prime rate on bank loans went up for the third time in 13 months. It's now 2 1/2 per cent, the highest in 17 years. Reasons:

"Banks are very frank in saying everyone else is making money, why not us? Also, bankers feel that those who are after loans really need the money and will have to pay for it. It can be safely predicted that the rate will go to 3 per cent before long."

—Newsweek Magazine, November 12.

And all the time bankers said they raised interest rates because they were "patriots." They claimed higher rates would keep down borrowing and stem inflation.

## Shame on Us!

In the British elections in October 84 per cent of eligible voters went to the polls. In the 1948 U. S. elections only 51 per cent voted.



VALUABLE HOBBY—Judges for the Glass Hobby Contest sponsored by the AFL Glass Bottle Blowers inspect the three top prize-winning entries. At left is Catherine Howe of the Glass Industry Magazine, and at right is Lee W. Minton, union president. Mrs. Herta Simpson of Oakland, Calif., won the \$500 first prize bond for the statuette caricature at left made from wine bottles. Aquarium lamp made from pickle jar, right, won a \$250 bond for Chas. Snyder, also of Oakland.

# Anti-Labor People to Spend Huge Sums on '52 Election

(LLPE Release)

Hearings before a Senate committee show you the kind of political campaign you can expect in 1952.

Millions of dollars will be spent by reactionaries to try to elect anti-labor candidates.

Sworn testimony on November 27 to the Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections reveals:

1—A total of \$1,907,509.61 was spent in Ohio last year to re-elect Sen. Robert Taft.

2—On the other hand, campaign expenditures on behalf of Taft's opponent, Ohio State Auditor Joe Ferguson, totaled \$107,004.94.

3—Thus, for every dollar spent on Ferguson's campaign \$19 was spent on Taft's behalf.

Next year a President will be elected. And Taft is running for the Republican Presidential nomination. So the 19-to-1 ratio of 1950 can be expected to increase to 30 or 40 to 1 in 1952.

Testifying before the Senate subcommittee on Nov. 27, Ferguson reminded the Senators that when a candidate says he is for organized labor his opponent is assured of a huge campaign fund.

The only place candidates supported by labor can get campaign funds is from voluntary contributions trade unionists make to groups like Labor's League for Political Education (LLPE).

That is why it is so important for you to contribute a dollar to LLPE for the 1952 campaign.

The expenditure of \$1,907,509.61 to re-elect Taft is one of the largest amounts of money ever spent on a campaign to elect a Senator.

And it should be remembered that this figure includes only expenditures reported to the Ohio Secretary of State. Many indirect expenses of the Taft campaign never were reported.

For example, Ferguson told the Senate subcommittee that an estimated \$1,200,000 was spent for newspaper advertising designed to re-elect Taft. None of this ever was reported as campaign expenses.

In 1927, the Senate refused to seat William Vare of Pennsylvania because his election had cost \$2,793,000.

In 1920, Sen. Truman Newberry of Michigan resigned after his campaign, in which \$195,000 was spent, was criticized.

So the issue in the Taft election hearings comes down to this:

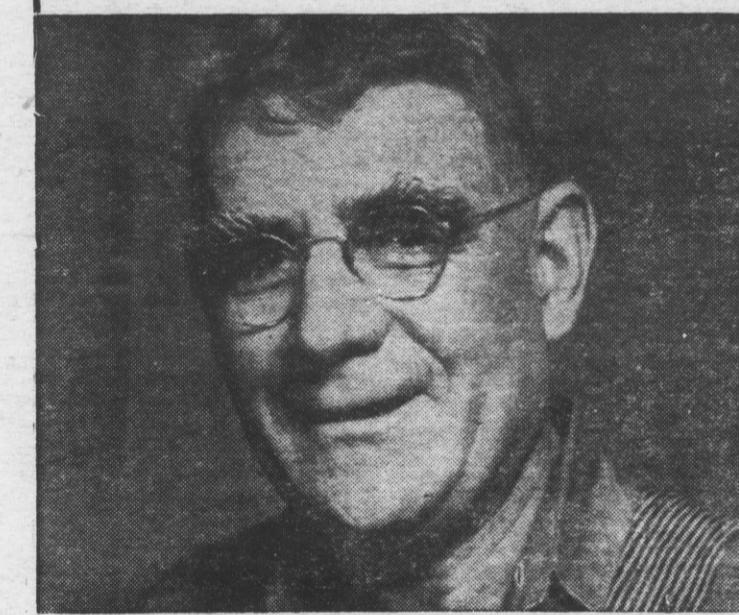
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